

Therapy Dogs International

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Since December 12, 2012, the Nelson Poynter Memorial Library has hosted a visit once or twice a semester from [Therapy Dogs International](#), the Pinellas County chapter.



The initial visit was suggested by Dr. Norine Noonan, then Regional Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs of USFSP and ardent dog lover, trainer and dog show judge. Therapy Dogs International (TDI®) is a volunteer organization dedicated to regulating, testing and registration of therapy dogs and their volunteer handlers for the purpose of visiting nursing homes, hospitals, other institutions and wherever else therapy dogs are needed. TDI often visits schools and universities as a way of providing stress relief for students during mid-terms and finals.



On April 28, at the start of USFSP's official finals week for the spring semester, volunteers and their trained dogs made their seventh visit to the Poynter Library. The library was very busy with students studying for finals and working on projects and many students stopped by to relax with the dogs and their owners and get a little stress relief. The event is always one of the most popular events that the Library hosts for students.



To see all the images of the latest visit from Therapy Dogs International, visit [the photo album](#) for the visit on the Library's Facebook page.